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This year, Thursday, May 18, 2017, is recognized as Bike to Work Day in the City of Los Angeles. To encourage this fun and healthy method of commuting, the City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) will again offer free rides to bicyclists who use DASH and Commuter Express bus services on that day. Any rider who either brings a bicycle or wears a bicycle helmet will be given a free ride on DASH or Commuter Express buses. For those Commuter Express riders who bring a bicycle, all Commuter Express buses are outfitted with bike racks on the front of the bus. Each rack accommodates three bikes, so riders bringing their bikes will be accommodated on a first-come, first-serve basis. For DASH riders, DASH buses have two position bike racks on the front of the bus. However, any rider who boards any DASH bus wearing a bicycle helmet or carrying a folding bike will get a free ride. Metro will also offer free rides to bicyclists who board with a bike or helmet on Metro buses and trains the same day, Thursday, May 18.

LADOT is continuing to make bicycling easier in Los Angeles. Over the last year, LADOT has opened the Exposition Bike Path, introduced new protected bicycle lanes in Downtown LA on Los Angeles Street as well as in Van Nuys on Van Nuys Blvd., erected new bicycle corrals in Venice, El Sereno, and Runyon Canyon and partnered with Metro to launch a bike sharing program in the City.

"Thanks for riding your bike to DASH! Los Angeles is stronger, more livable, and easier to get

around when people choose to bike and bus", said Seleta Reynolds, LADOT General Manager.

For more on how LADOT is supporting the use of bicycles in the City of Los Angeles, visit us at <http://bike.lacity.org>

For DASH or Commuter Express bus routes in your area, please visit www.ladottransit.com or call the LADOT Customer Service Center at (213, 310, 323 or 818) 808-2273.

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